



Additional Revision to Arizona Interoperable Channels Plan Background Section

Proposed Action: Add a Background section to comply with new standardized PSP Style Template.

Recommendation: The Background section of the Approval Draft document inadvertently included language from the AIRS SOP and should be replaced as follows:

1.1 Background

In 2009, the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) undertook efforts to create a standard for operational and technical parameters for use of the 700 MHz public safety band. These efforts included the adoption of a Standard Channel Nomenclature and development of a prioritized list of interoperable channels. As the SIEC and their Technical and Operational Workgroup evaluated options for the creation of the Standard, the scope of work was expanded to include VHF, UHF and 800 MHz public safety bands as well. Concurrently, the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) and the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) were establishing national standards in channel naming conventions resulting in ANSI Standard (ANSI 1.194.1-2010). These channel naming conventions were incorporated into the Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications (DHS-OEC) National Interoperability Field Operations Guide (NIFOG). As these standards developed, they were also incorporated into Arizona's plan. The first Interoperable Channel Priority Program Guide was approved by the SIEC on October 19, 2010, with the Arizona Interoperable Channels Plan being approved by the SIEC on February 15, 2011.